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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements filed on July 27, 1999, June 12, 2000, and November 13, 2000 in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Applicant brings the following information, which was cited in a Japanese Office Action, issued by the Japanese Patent Office on December 5, 2000, for counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. HEI 11-018998, to the Examiner's attention:

- (1) WO 97/38510, published on October 16, 1997, along with an English language translation of the same;
- (2) JP 10-247179, published on September 14, 1998, along with an English language Abstract of the same;

- (3) JP 9-163064, published on June 20, 1997, along with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (4) JP 7-212395, published on August 11, 1995, along with a English language translation of a related portion and of the Abstract of the same; and
- (5) JP 10-107836, published on April 24, 1998. A copy of this document (together with an English language Abstract) was submitted together with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 27, 1999.

Along with a copy of the Japanese Office Action, copies of documents (1) - (4) are attached and are listed on a PTO-1449 Form, which is also attached hereto. As noted above, a copy of document (5) was previously submitted to the Examiner and thus, is not provided herein. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each listed document and to indicate such consideration by initialing the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the signed form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant notes that the present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to the mailing of an action on the merits, and thus, no fee is required to be paid to ensure consideration of the cited materials.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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